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Re: U.S. Application No. 09/698,213
Filed: October 30, 2000
Title: Computational Nucleic Acid Coding and Feature
Analysis
Applicant: James D. McIninch
Atty. Docket: 16517.075

Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO):

1. an Amendment in response to the Office Action mailed July 30, 2002; and
2. a return postcard.

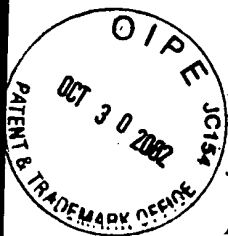
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In the event that extensions of time beyond those petitioned for herewith are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned. Applicant does not believe any additional fees are due in conjunction with this filing. However, if any fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 or 1.17 are required in the present application, including any fees for extensions of time, then the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Arnold & Porter Deposit Account No. 50-2387, referencing matter number 16517.075. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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In re application of:

James D. McNinch

Appl. No. 09/698,213

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For: **Computational Nucleic Acid
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Art Unit: 1631

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Amendment

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 30, 2002 (Paper No. 16), Applicant submits the following Amendment and Remarks.

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In the Claims:

Please amend claims 15 and 33 as follows:

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15. (Once Amended) The method of claim 8, wherein said window is about 75 to about 125 nucleotides.

B2
33. (Once Amended) The method of claim 29, wherein said window is about 75 to about 125 nucleotides.